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A BRITISH CRITICISM.

This country is neither too old to learn nor too proud to take advice. Therefore it seems with interest the counsel appearing in the journals of more mature and impressive peoples. It gets its idea from the proprietors from over-sea. When in any stress of circumstances it for an instant hesitates as to the wisest course, all it has to do is to grab a copy of a London heavyweight paper and its path is illumined, says the Ledger.

In a recent number of the Review of the large city mentioned appeared this from the pen of Cunningham Graham: "I see that Senator Teller of the United States elected house of lords, attacked England in the vilest language."

Mr. Graham is the authority of the Review on all matters pertaining to the United States. It is very considerate of that paper to keep upon its staff so able and well-informed a gentleman as an Uncle Sam specialist. At this knowledge a thrill of gratitude possesses the common bosom, and the impulse to subscribe for the Review is not to be resisted. There is some tendency towards indignation that the papers of this country, of which there are several, but none with a Cunningham Graham on its staff, decline to set forth information so valuable and succinct.

Senator Teller is a comparative stranger in what seems to be the land of his birth. Possibly the allusion was intended for Senator Teller, of whom mention has been made on numerous occasions. Mr. Teller does not belong to the elected house of lords, a fact due in some measure to the non-existence of any such body. As a member of the senate he is elected, he belongs to an organization that is not, as the house of lords, a useless and anomalous freak. The senate at times does things.

Aside from these inadvertent slips on the part of Cunningham—*for we may call him Cunningham—the article is flawless.* Perhaps Senator Teller did abuse England. He has a habit of doing this. It is his chronic form of amusement. He loves to twist the lion's tail until the joints are rent asunder with a loud report. Then he exclaims, "Aha!" and on behalf of the tortured beast some far from mute but glorious Cunningham rises in his place and howls beautifully and sonorously as the wolf on Unalak's distant shore. And the reputation of that wolf as howler beats the globe and laps over.

The time of passing across the Atlantic is constantly being reduced by the great steamships that ply between this country and Europe, and the possible speed which the future may develop can scarcely be estimated. While the reckless racing of steamships across the ocean is to be discouraged, in the interest of safety, it is no less true that the shorter the passage can be made, with prudent management, the greater will be the benefit for the world of trade and travel. Quick transportation is the most important factor in the success of commerce transactions, and if the time occupied in the carrying of merchandise across the Atlantic could be cut in half, the merchant would gain an incalculable advantage. Four new records were made last year, three by German vessels and the fourth by a French liner. The Deutschland, the fastest passenger steamer in the world and belonging to the Hamburg-American line, ran from New York to Plymouth at the rate of 22.51 knots per hour, making the fastest trip on record. The Kronprinz Wilhelm, of the North German Lloyd line, made her passage of 3645 miles at an average speed of 19.74 knots an hour, completing her trip in 6 days, 10 hours and 15 minutes. On her homeward trip she bettered this time, making it in 5 days, 9 hours and 45 minutes—the fastest maiden passage across the Atlantic. The same vessel recently made the passage from

Cherbourg to New York in 5 days, 15 hours and 25 minutes. The fourth noteworthy record was made by the French steamer La Savoie, which steamed from Havre to New York at the rate of 20.53 knots per hour, the fastest time ever made between those two ports. Of course these greyhounds of the ocean are all mail steamers and their owners receive large subsidies from Germany and France to enable them to build vessels that will carry the mails quickly. They are constructed for speed, and every new vessel built is intended to be more speedy than the last that preceded it. The three fastest steamships in the world now are the Deutschland, the Kronprinz Wilhelm and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Two more lightning flyers are in course of construction—the Kaiser Wilhelm II, for the North German Lloyd, and one as yet unnamed for the Hamburg-American Company, so that the prospect of new ocean records to be achieved this year is very promising.

If a newspaperman happens to depart from the truth (in conversation, of course), the world promptly jumps onto him. Not long ago a reporter had occasion to call upon his royal ribs, Wu Ting-fang. The Chinese minister's first question concerned the emotion of the reporter. The reporter thought it was none of Wu's—none of Wu's business, so he replied that he was getting \$150 a week, which happened not to be the case. Later on Wu, who was very anxious to know just how much money the reporter earned to be getting, and who made inquiries from a somewhat less interested source, learned that the reporter was receiving \$25 a week. Thereafter the reporter and the minister were not acquaintances. The question, which were it better to be—the liar or the lobster? naturally suggests itself to one. Lying is a bad practice under ordinary circumstances, but in a case of this kind it is justifiable. Ever since Minister Wu acquired a knowledge of the English language he has been asking men about their salaries, and deserved rebukes, such as that diplomatically administered by the reporter in question, have been lost on the inquisitive Chinaman. Some day Wu will put his pet question to the wrong man and get a reply that will not correspond with the dignity that should ordinarily be observed in diplomatic circles. Just how Wu would take a question such as that put to the reporter would be interesting to know, especially since the Flowery Kingdom's unpleasantness with Japan. Doubtless Wu would react in a manner that would not lack in force. Such queries as, "How much salary do you get?" "Do you wash your feet every day?" "Are you in debt?" etc., may go all right in China, but they are obnoxious in America, and it's pretty nearly time the Chinese statesman were finding it out.

Some few months ago everybody in Astoria was casting about for a successful method of disposing of the garbage of the city. The wisest heads were bewildered; not has the method yet been hit upon. However, the Push Club has taken hold of the matter. This means that the garbage will be disposed of. Isn't it somewhat remarkable that the Push Club alone is always successful? It has never yet failed in any undertaking. Proposals that have been unsuccessfully tried by other bodies have been taken up by the club and successfully carried out. The secret of the Push Club's success lies in its policy of "pulling together." No matter what proposition is under consideration, there is always a unanimity of opinion. Perhaps members may disagree for a time, but eventually all entertain the same opinion. With more of the Push Club spirit, Astoria will become a greater city.

The new violinist received \$22,000 for four concerts given in Chicago, and besides this was kissed more than Hobson.

When the danger of the shipwreck was in the air, the American, must have had the impression of being carried by a crocodile.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

There is objection on the part of the Indians to cutting their hair. For this they should not be blamed. It is their hair.

There is enough excitement at The Hague to indicate that the dove of peace is settled.

Rockefeller proposes to give Harvard a million dollars, and President Harper, of the University of Chicago, doubtless feels that he has a right to kick.

A NIGHT ALARM.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. F. L. Cordier, of Manassas, Ky., writes: "My three-year-old child had a severe case of croup, the doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Now that Howard has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Gabriel, the public has a lively curiosity as to whether or not he is guilty.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

An action at law between members of the English aristocracy who have hypochondria in their families is painfully apt to drag family skeletons from the closet and set them dancing in the open.

SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill. "But Jackson's Arnica Salve completely cured them. Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and all sores. Cure guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 25 cents."

Since the habit of giving expensive presents to brides has come into vogue the question is not as to whether one can afford to get married, but whether one can afford to have friends to do so.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A convention of women in session at Des Moines went on record as opposing the regulation of vice. Either vice must be regulated or it will rule.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by attack of la grippe. It heals the lungs. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A pamphlet has been received bearing the title, "The Three Missing Links." These are set forth as an American-built and owned merchant ship, a department of commerce and industries and isthmian canal. There is no use of writing pamphlets about them. Some of the links have been found and there is a clue to the rest.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 25 cents.

A street car company in St. Louis has just paid \$2000 in damages to a passenger ejected from a car because he had tendered a smooth nickel. A smooth nickel ought to be exactly as good as any other, and it deserved the vindication.

CLERK'S WISE SUGGESTION.

"I have been lately troubled much with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. E. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested that I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating milk, pie, cheese, candy and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorse Kodol Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food. —CHAS. ROGERS.

Gompers has been trying to adjust relations between capital and labor to a peace basis, and so the Socialists have denounced him. Probably Gompers was fortified against the cruel blow.

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

Tilman was on exhibition again yesterday. He is possibly the most complete combination of the boor and the bore ever placed on show.—Ledger.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Apple, of Alexandria, Ind. "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, I took a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery which cured me and I gained 55 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hart's Drugstore.

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CHILD WORTH MILLIONS.

"My child is worth millions to me," says Mrs. Mary Bird of Harrisburg, Pa. "yet I would have lost her by croup had I not purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." One Minute Cough Cure is sure cure for coughs, croup and throat and lung troubles. It's absolutely safe cough cure which acts immediately. The youngest child can take it with entire safety. The little ones like the taste and remember how often it helped them. Every family should have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure handy. At this season especially it may be needed suddenly. —CHAS. ROGERS.

No thrifty show will be tempted to place himself in exhibition before the French academy of science for the paltry prize of \$2000.

WHERE.

Constipation means dullness, depression, headache, generally disordered health. DeWitt's Little Blue Pills stimulate the liver, open the bowels and relieve the conditions. Safe, speedy and thorough. They never gripe. Favorite pills. —CHAS. ROGERS.

An exchange remarks that Seattle is all world. It is by reason of this it possesses an abundance of material to build over the eyes of other communities.—Ledger.

A THOUSAND DOLLARS THROWN AWAY.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainville, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it. Sold by Hart's Drugstore."

A St. Louis judge has declared from the bench that bribery is as bad as anarchy. There is plenty of the former in that city to permit an observing judge to understand the character of it.

The most reliable preparation for kidney troubles on the market is Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

If the attention Miss Alice Roosevelt is receiving does not turn her head, it is a well set head with a lot of sense in it.

A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about \$1000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. —CHAS. ROGERS.

Uncle Sam came near buying the Danish Islands for twice the present price. Occasionally something comes to the ears who waits.

DON'T LIVE TOGETHER.

Constipation and health never go together. DeWitt's Little Blue Pills promote easy action of the bowels without distress. "I have been troubled with constipation nine years," says J. O. Greene, Denham, Ind. "I have tried many remedies but Little Blue Pills give best results." —CHAS. ROGERS.

Perhaps a compromise might be struck with the proprietors of Hart Wagner's geography. If the book must be purchased, let it be sold to the paper mill. It would be right to make the children suffer from it.

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Holland desires to intervene for peace in South Africa, yet it has been unable to settle the little row of its own royal household.

NOTICE.

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